THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) The overall financial burden due to implementation of obligations to make education for children in the age group of 6-14 years a Fundamental Right under the proposed Constitution (93rd amendment) Bill, 2001 would be about Rs. 98,000 crore over a ten year period till 2010 to be shared by the Central and the State Governments on the pattern of sharing under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, i.e., 85:15 in 9th Plan, 75:25 in 10th Plan and 50:50 thereafter.

The present total annual expenditure, both Plan and Non-Plan for Elementary Education sector, based on Budget Estimates-2000-2001 by all States/UTs put together is Rs. 65419.24 crores. The annual expenditure for achieving the target of CEE has not been estimated State-wise and the actual expenditure for each State will depend on the requirements assessed by each State Government through District Elementary Education Plans based on habitation level planning.

NCC Training to Students

† 261. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to impart NCC training to all the students of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in this matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Government has no such proposal at present. However, in the National Curriculum Framework for school Education-2000 published by NCERT, NCC has also been included alongwith various other activities like Sports, Scouting & Guiding and Red-Cross under the area of "Health & Physical Education".

Illegal Sale/Adoption of Children

262. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether inter-country adoption racket has been reported in some States, including Andhra Pradesh; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the action taken to prevent illegal sale of children or illegal adoption through some private orphanages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) While no inter country adoption racket has been reported as such, action has been taken by the Government against agencies found to be indulging in irregularities both in Andhra Pradesh and other States. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment which deals with adoption matters has advised all State Governments and its recognized agencies to strictly adhere to the guidelines issued by it on inter country adoptions and other adoption matters from time to time.These include mandatory licensing of all orphanages and agencies and monitoring of adoption activities in order to ensure that all adoptions are legally done. The State Governments ensure that such incidents, if any, are prevented by strict enforcement of the relevant laws.

Sexual exploitation of Children

263. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has endorsed Global Commitment (Declaration) adopted in Yokohama for action at national, regional and international level to eradicate commercial, sexual exploitation of childen;

(b) the number of countries which have pledged to adopt this commitment (Declaration);

(c) whether a permanent machinery has been constituted to oversee its implementation; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) 138 countries, including India, sent deligations to the Yokohama conference organised by four NGOs and UNICEF. The conference adopted the Yokohama Global Commitment which included an Explanation Statement by India. In that Statement it was made clear that reference to extra-territorial criminal laws in the said Commitment is intended to ensure that the offender is tried in the country in whose jurisdiction the offence is committed; if he can not be so tried by virtue of his being not present in that country and his being not extradited for facing trial,